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Draft of 10-year action plan for higher education set for discussion

OLYMPIA— How can the state's higher education system best meet projected enrollment growth and achieve increased degree production over the next decade? Proposed actions to address these and other challenges will be discussed when the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) meets with its Advisory Council on Tuesday Oct. 28 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The HECB, the state's public four-year higher education institutions, and MGT of America, Inc. will present the results of a study of enrollment and capacity issues as part of a broader set of proposed actions to chart the course for improvement of the state's higher education system between now and 2018.

The 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education calls for the state to raise annual degree and certificate attainment by more than 40 percent by 2018 to secure our state's position as a leader in the global economy and to build a stronger and more stable society in which all Washingtonians have an opportunity to compete for the state's best jobs.

Three work groups convened by the HECB have developed an action plan based on a set of integrated proposals to accomplish the central goal of raising educational attainment.

A preliminary draft of the action plan reflecting the committees' work will be presented at the Oct. 28 meeting. The HECB meets four times a year with its Advisory Council, which includes K-12 and higher education representatives.

The action plan encompasses four main objectives:

- Focus first on students by supporting programs to build a larger pipeline to postsecondary education.
- Preserve progress by sustaining current levels of support to ensure a stable foundation for future improvement.
- Expand on demand by prioritizing existing institutional growth plans and targeting modest new expenditures to meet specific regional and program development needs.
- Redesign the delivery system by developing a new process to determine when and where to build new campuses, expand programs, or alter institutional missions.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, the Board will hold its regular monthly meeting from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. That meeting also will be held at Kane Hall on the University of Washington campus.

Included on the agenda will be a presentation by University of Washington Provost Phyllis Wise on the university's new College of the Environment, which will take advantage of the university's extensive capabilities to focus on environmental research and education.

The Board also will receive a draft report from consultant William Chance, executive director of the Northwest Education Research Center, concerning the higher education needs in Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam, and Mason counties. The 2008 Legislature directed the HECB to prepare a program and operating plan for a higher education center in the Kitsap region. A report on the proposal must be presented to the Legislature by December 1, 2008.

Briefing materials for the meeting are available at: www.hecb.wa.gov/boardmtgs/index.asp

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: Advisory Council and October regular board meeting

**Where: University of Washington, Seattle
Kane Hall, Walker Ames Room**

**When: Tuesday, October 28, 2008 – 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 29, 2008 – 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Advisory Council Agenda - October 28, 2008

Implementation Briefing: 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education

- 1 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Bill Grinstein, HECB Chair & Advisory Council Co-Chair
Charlie Earl, SBCTC Executive Director & Advisory Council Co-chair
- 1:15 p.m. Recap and Overview**
General recap of the September briefings and overview of October presentations.
- 1:45 p.m. Pipeline Policy and Demographics: Findings and Recommendations**
Specific summary of the key discussion items of the September meeting.
Introduction and discussion of specific policy initiatives being developed.
- 2:45 p.m. Economic Needs Assessment: Findings and Recommendations**
Specific summary of the key discussion items of the September meeting.
Introduction and discussion of the “revisited” degree goals.
- 3:45 p.m. Enrollment, Capacity, and Technology Analysis: Findings and Recommendations**
Review the institutional degree, enrollment, and technology plans. Discuss degree and enrollment growth plans and costs to each of the degree and enrollment goals.
- **Report on Enrollment Capacity and Technology Study**
Tom Jons, MGT of America, Inc.
 - **A Model for College eLearning Collaboration and Development**
Gary L. Pratt, EWU Chief Information Officer
- 4:45 p.m. Break**
- 5 p.m. Ten-Year Implementation Plan**

Review content outline

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Regular Board Meeting - October 29, 2008

9 a.m. Welcome and introductions

Bill Grinstein, HECB chair

Mark Emmert, President, University of Washington

Approval of September 2008 Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee

Bill Grinstein, HECB chair

Report of the Executive Director

Ann Daley will present an update on agency programs and activities.

Delivery System Redesign: A Proposal for a Joint Study

Resolution 08-30

A joint effort by the HECB, the SBCTC, and the COP, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive statewide policy framework to establish when, where and how the expansion of the higher education system should occur.

9:30 a.m. University of Washington College of the Environment

▪ *Phyllis Wise, UW Provost*

10 a.m. Fiscal Committee

Charley Bingham, chair

Institutional budget discussion

11 a.m. Draft Report on Kitsap County Higher Education Study

▪ *Bill Chance, consultant*

Noon Financial Aid Committee

Jesus Hernandez, chair

State Need Grant Report: Less-than-Halftime Students, Resolution 08-31

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

Public Comment: A sign-in sheet is provided for public comment on any of the items presented.

Meeting Accommodation: Persons who require special accommodation for attendance must call the HECB at 360-753-7800 as soon as possible before the meeting.

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